GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:981
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2000
DEVELOPMENT IN FISHING SECTOR
SHIVAJI VITHALRAO KAMBLE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance/achievements under fishing sector over the past three years in terms of the targets financial and physical set and achieved by various States, State-wise during the past three years;

(b) if so, me details thereof in terms of standard assessment norms in general and Maharashtra in particular, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for integrated development of sea and inland fishing in Maharashtra both for domestic consumption and for exports; and

(d) the details of export earnings made the last three years from fish exports alongwith projections for next three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) &(b). The performance/achievements under the fishing sector are reviewed during Annual Plan preparation and by the Committee of Officers appointed by Ministry of Agriculture. Fish production, traditional crafts motorised, water area and beneficiaries covered under aquaculture, fish fanners trained, etc. are used for assessing the statewise performance including mat of Maharashtra.

(c): The following Centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented in the State with the objective of developing fisheries

1. Development of Coastal Marine Fisheries through

i. Motorisation of Traditional Crafts
ii. Reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD oil purchased by mechanised fishing vessels of length below 20m

2. Integrated Coastal Aquaculture

3. Development of Freshwater Aquaculture

4. Fishing Harbours at Major and Minor Ports Apart from the above, the Government of Maharashtra has taken steps to stock fingerlings/ fish seed as per optimum requirements in ponds/reservoirs to enhance the inland fish production. The breeding ground in inland sector are also being protected. In marine sector, the Maharashtra State is implementing Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1981 to ban fishing by mechanised fishing crafts during the monsoon season (1st June, to 15th August or Narii Poomima whichever is earlier) to protect/conserve the marine fisheries.

(d): The export earnings during the last three years are given below.

Year	Value (Rs. erores)
1996-97	4,121.36
1997-98	4,697.48
1998-99	4,626.87

Targets for export earnings for the next three years are being finalised.